

Debs' Column

It All Depends!

Political speech is a mighty dangerous thing to experiment with in the United States. But it depends altogether on who the individual happens to be who indulges himself in that high prerogative in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." If it happens to be a labor leader who expresses himself in radical terms, honest meaning what he says, he is summarily pounced upon and shot in the head as a hothead in his time.

California at this very hour there are seventy labor heroes incarcerated as felons who did not even indulge in radical speech. They only ventured to join a labor organization. And this is known as a high crime and misdemeanor in the land of Lincoln, punishable by lifetime imprisonment.

Can you beat it anywhere between the two poles?

Now listen to this:
BELIEVE THAT THE WEAKNESSES OF THE AMERICAN CHARACTER IS THAT THERE ARE SO FEW GROWLERS AND KICKERS AMONG US. WE HAVE FORGOTTEN THE VERY PRINCIPLE OF OUR ORIGIN. IF WE HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW TO OBJECT, HOW TO RESIST, HOW TO AGITATE, HOW TO PULL DOWN AND BUILD UP, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF REVOLUTIONARY PRACTICES, IF IT BE NECESSARY TO READJUST MATTERS."

Now from whose treasonable lips are these foregoing revolting heresies? Surely it must have been some of the W. W. roughneck now lying in a California penitentiary expiating his crime.

Well, dear reader, although we can readily understand how you came to that conclusion, now it so happens that the loud-mouthed, freckle-necked, irresponsible agitator who frothed and fumed about foregoing fashion was none other than his excellency, Woodrow Wilson, one time president of the United States.

But fortunately for himself Wilson did not mean a word of what he said. Coming from him it was pure humbug, simply flabbergasted, and of course he was not punched and jugged, as he certainly would have been had he been an honest labor agitator and meant what he said.

And of such is free speech in the United States of America!

A Little Prison Story

All jails and prisons and penitentiaries are vile and rotten, the only difference being that most of them are more so.

Every one of these pestilential dungeons is an incubator of vice and immorality and a breeding place for crime.

In some respects the federal black-robes, called United States penitentiaries, are even rotter than some of the state and county institutions. The prisoners are robbed of the very little they may have, insulted, beaten, refused, treated like beasts, and they are not finished criminals and vagabonds when they leave, it is not the fault of their cruel keepers.

There is just one of a thousand instances of robberies and outrages perpetrated in and by these abominable institutions.

The writer herself sent a Christmas card to a friendly negro prisoner at Santa. Shortly afterward he was tried by prison authorities that Christmas packages could not be delivered to inmates this year. He was returned to him.

Should you but see, dear reader, what was in that box when it came to the sender! Phew!

Thinking of sadly infected "weenies" that must have seen better days, that was surely long ago!

A soap-grease supposed to pass for butter; a couple of tough specimens of "pound cake" of the school, and another nondescript one or two which could not be named.

Some of these relics was in the box that the writer, and the article that were returned were no different from boxes sent to other prisoners which were of course mailed to receive.

This is one of the great reforms of capitalism in the United States.

Arouse Ye Workers!

Organize the workers of America to what is going on in the country.

Economic masters are just having it nearly all their own way.

International slaughter they certainly left a fine mess in its wake, and they must be given credit for having made a beautiful "saving civilization" and saving the world safe for democracy.

In peace as well as war the workers are the victims of capitalism, fleeced, plucked, skinned to a frazzle, and always kept in servitude and coddled down upon as the lower class for their docile submission to the rule of their masters.

Wake up, ye American workers, and realize that a world-wide struggle is being waged for industrial emancipation and that you must take your share in that struggle and do your

Intervention Looms as Mexicans Seek to Bring Mexico's Resources Under Mexican Law

The possibilities of withdrawal of American recognition of Mexico, intervention and war suddenly loom as the result of a formal protest by the State Department in Washington against certain features of land, mining and petroleum laws just passed by the Mexican legislature.

The right of the Mexican people to pass laws establishing and realizing the ownership of Mexico by the Mexican people is challenged in the issue raised by the protest of the American administration made in the interest of the American millionaire owners of fully two billion dollars worth of property in Mexico.

The New Law.

The essential feature of these laws challenged by American capitalism is a provision that foreign investors in Mexico shall hold and enjoy their investments under the laws of Mexico and not under the protection of their own respective countries.

This provision of the new land, petroleum and mining laws, does not deny to the foreigner in Mexico the right to own and enjoy property there; it does not propose to confiscate his holdings; it does not seek to compel him to become a Mexican citizen; it only asks that he renounce his former practice of holding such property under the law, the protection, and the military prowess of his own country.

This provision says that the Mexican nation grants the same right to foreigners as to Mexicans in the ownership and enjoyment of property "provided they agree before the Department of Foreign Affairs to be considered as Mexicans in respect to such property, and accordingly not to invoke the protection of their governments

in respect to the same, under penalty, in case of breach, of forfeiture to the nation of property so acquired."

As a further safeguard against the annexation of parts of Mexico adjoining other countries or bordering the ocean, it is provided that "within a zone of 100 kilometers (about 62 miles) from the frontiers, and 50 kilometers (about 31 miles) from the sea coast, no foreigner shall under any conditions, acquire direct ownership of lands and waters."

Challenges Imperialism.

These laws are the most direct challenge that a so-called backward nation has ever directed against the established practices of capitalist imperialism in its conquest of the earth.

IF MEXICO IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN THESE LAWS IN THE FACE OF AMERICAN CAPITALISM AND THE CAPITALIST IMPERIALISM OF OTHER COUNTRIES A REAL TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONS WILL HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

A long established practice of capitalist governments is to "protect" their own "nationals" in their property investments in weaker countries. THIS HAS BEEN THE CORNER STONE OF CAPITALIST IMPERIALISM. It has provided the excuse and the opening for colonial expansion and the conquest of weaker peoples. Armies and navies have backed up foreign investments and served as collection agencies for them. Trade has followed the flag of the stronger nations until capitalist imperialism has built its world encircling empires in every clime.

Mexico has been one of the chief victims of this plundering process. Revolutions, as Wilson himself stated when he was President, have been

fomented in Mexico by American influences, as a result of this process. American armies have invaded Mexican soil a number of times. Mexico has trembled repeatedly on the verge of losing its independence.

IN THE MEANTIME, THESE "PROTECTED" "NATIONALS" HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GRABBING THE BEST PART OF THE MEXICAN RESOURCES. AMERICAN CAPITALISTS ALONE OWN AT LEAST TWO BILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF PROPERTY IN MEXICO, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE BILLIONS OWNED BY THE CAPITALISTS OF OTHER NATIONS.

Want Mexico for Mexicans.

In the last election Mexican chose a president, Calles, who claims to be a Socialist. It elected a parliament the majority of which is composed of representatives of labor and the peasants. This farmer-labor-Socialist majority has set about to save Mexico for the Mexicans.

In the present laws Mexicans merely asserted the right of a nation to bring within the scope of its own laws all the resources and wealth of its own country. Wall Street is demanding that American laws shall reach into Mexico and preserve a sovereignty over Mexican resources and properties owned by Americans. Coolidge and Kellogg, representing the administration in Washington, have elected to back up the claims of Wall Street.

In the present note to Mexico Secretary Kellogg warns that the United States considers the new laws inimical to the interests of American property holders, and in violation, not only of international law, but also for the agreement made between Mexico and the United States in 1923.

With the hypocrisy of diplomacy the state department pretends that it objects to this provision solely because it is retroactive; in other words, (Continued on Page 3.)

Trade Conflict by Government-Backed Monopolies Threatens War, Says Hoover

While the Locarno Pact, the impending entrance of the United States into the World Court, and the prospective participation of this country in the World Disarmament Conference in conveying to millions of people the impression that the problem of war is about to be solved and world peace established, Herbert Hoover, United States Secretary of Commerce, announces the opening of a worldwide trade war which threatens the prosperity of United States and the peace of the world.

Gigantic monopolies in close collusion with governments and strongly backed by them have entered the realm of international trade, according to recent public statements of Secretary Hoover, and a sensational report submitted by him to the House Interstate Foreign Commerce Committee.

A New Development.

Mr. Hoover sees something wholly new, sinister and dangerous in this development.

"The world," Mr. Hoover declared in his address to the committee, "has often enough seen attempts to set up private monopolies, but it is not until recently that we have seen governments revive a long forgotten relic of medievalism and war-time expediency by deliberately erecting official controls of trade in raw materials, and through these controls arbitrarily fixing to all other people in the world.

"It is this intrusion of governments into trading operations on a vast scale that raises a host of new dangers—the inevitable after-

math of any such efforts by political agencies to interfere with the normal processes of supply and demand."

The immediate cause of Mr. Hoover's concern is the fact that the British government has legislated directly to limit rubber production in the British empire raising the price immensely to America, the principal consumer of British rubber. The German government has done practically the same thing with potash; Chile with nitrates; Brazil with coffee; Yucatan with sisal; Japan with silk; Great Britain with tin; Peru with guano; other countries with wood pulp and iodine, facing America as consumer with a loss in 1926 which may amount to \$300,000,000.

The phase of a situation which alarms the Secretary of Commerce is not the fact that huge private monopolies are operating in international trade, nor that governments have fostered these monopolies and stood behind them in foreign countries—these conditions have been well established for years.

Super-Trust Has Arrived.

Secretary Hoover is alarmed because he has discovered that the long established alliance between big business and government throughout the world HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT. Big business used to be the invisible power behind capitalist government. GOVERNMENT IS NOW IN THESE COUNTRIES THAT MR. HOOVER HAS NAMED THE OPEN PARTNER OF BIG BUSINESS MAKING EFFECTIVE BY LAW AND MILITARY FORCE THE OPERATIONS OF PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES.

John Brophy Appeals for Help for Miners

Shivering in the coal valleys of central Pennsylvania are thousands of striking miners and their families who need all the spare clothing city workers can send them, says John Brophy, president of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America.

Unionists also would start the new year with a deed that will stiffen the workers in a sorely pressed region may point post to the United Mine Workers' offices at Clearfield, Pa., all their spare trousers, coats, shoes, stockings and women's and children's clothing. "Don't let the rag man get a stitch till the last coal digger on strike in the Ivy Alleghenies has enough clothing on his back and on the backs of his wife and kids, Brophy asks.

All central Pennsylvania is spotted with coal camps where mining com-

panies have foregone their signature to the Jacksonville agreement and are out to restore the 1917 scale with its enormous reductions and smash the union if possible. The miners are putting up a gallant fight but outside assistance is vital. The district union is bringing the strikers and other unemployed \$2000 a week from the working miners, but this does not go far enough. Families can not live on \$3 a week and buy clothing.

Money has already begun to come in to the American Appeal's Relief Fund for the miners. The first \$5 was sent in by I. S. Pomeroy of Chicago. "Come on, comrades and friends; this is a very vital battle in the conflict of labor in America. A victory for the coal combine is a defeat not only for organized labor but for the American people. Let's all help win this strike.

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Mellon "Explains" as Fascist Power Grows

Financed for new adventures through the instrumentality of the American Debt Commission, led by Senator Samuel and Secretary Mellon and approved by President Coolidge, International Fascism, with its headquarters in Rome, has raised its snaky head to new conquests and new power.

General Ponzolas, spurred on by Italian Fascists, has trumpeted the Greek republic under the iron heel of militarism, adding one more Fascist dictatorship to those now ruling Italy, Spain and Bulgaria.

"It is believed that the arrival of many Italian Fascists in Greece helped induce General Ponzolas to proclaim a dictatorship," says one of the press dispatches that tell of this sinister development.

Simultaneously with the overthrow of constitutional government in Greece comes the news of ominous Fascist development in Hungary. Members of the Hungarian nobility and leaders of the Hungarian Fascists have been implicated in the manufacture of counterfeit bank notes amounting to thirty billion francs for the purpose of financing a Fascist monarchist movement.

This attempted dilution of French currency to a point that would have meant ruin to France is interpreted in Paris as a direct blow by the Fascist at republican France now ruled over by a radical, Socialist and liberal combination of parties.

Prior to the holidays when France was going through a series of financial crises caused by the financial

Democrats Betray Tax Publicity Cause

An important safeguard of the people and the government against the robbery and oppression of organized wealth is about to be removed by the agents of triumphant plutocracy in Washington. Through the defection of the Democrats, who in 1924 stood solidly for the publicity provision of the present tax law, it has become practically certain that in the new Mellon income tax law this provision will be missing.

Democratic members of the Senate Finance Committee, in reaching an agreement for a modification of the Mellon bill as it recently passed the House, failed to take a stand on the question of publicity. Several Democrats have served notice that they will vote for the repeal of the present publicity provision, regardless of any action that the party leaders might take.

This change of front by the Democrats is another ominous sign of the tremendous power of Wall Street over both political parties at the present time. Never in the history of this country did plutocracy wield such unchallenged power in the government. In no instance have the Democrats offered any fundamental change to the proposed Mellon tax bill. They have not even opposed the iniquitous proposal to reduce the inheritance tax one-half on super-inheritances.

There is no more reason for repealing the publicity income tax provision, which requires that amounts paid by taxpayers be open to public inspection.

Let's Flood Congress on Plute Tax Bill

By John M. Work

In spite of the fact that most of them do not pay an income tax and have no estate for anyone to inherit, workmen and all the common people are, or ought to be, deeply interested in the internal revenue bill which has passed the lower house of congress and is now pending in the senate. I will briefly state the reasons why.

First, because if the surtaxes of the rich are lowered, and the inheritance taxes decreased, there is no hope for any decrease in the indirect taxes which are paid by the poor. There is no way to tell just how much tax money a workingman pays, by way of the tariff, in a year, but it is many times more than he would have to pay if he paid an income tax at the normal rate.

Second, because the public debt of about twenty billion dollars should be paid as fast as possible, thus cutting down the interest charges which continually swell the amount to be paid. The interest now amounts to approximately eight hundred million dollars per year.

Third, because money should be raised for the purchase of railroads, coal mines, etc., and the development of hydroelectric plants. Uncle Sam could go into the stock market any day and buy a controlling interest in various railroads at bargain prices. What better way to get the money than by taxing swollen incomes and the swollen estates of deceased plutocrats? This matter is extremely important and cannot be adequately dealt with in a paragraph.

In my judgment it would be well for each reader of the American Appeal to write to senators and representatives urging that the surtaxes and the

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A League of Wolves in the
take "no action"—when a
strong wolf jumps in and pulls
a big fat sheep

Now, just what is meant by
power?

"By labor power or capacity
to do work."

"Navies and armies are insurance for the wealth of the leisure class, a nation invested abroad." Robert M. La Follette, in a paper by Clark University Conference

high finance bent on the exploitation of the weaker people that turned rope into a human slaughter and arrayed 400,000,000 people against one another in a struggle." - Frederick C. Howe, United States Commissioner of Immigration.

"Socialism: A theory of society which advocates a more perfectly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed." Webster's Dictionary.

system of Socialism is good for the public, but whether the system is good enough for Socialism, in Washington Gladden, in the State Journal, Nov. 26, 1912.

"On, that I were young again Socialism would have my life. I would have waded out of the wilderness, and I would have applied."—FRANCIS E. WATSON.

The criminals who started the war, in which everybody lost, are they, are the world-wide plunders.

INSCRIBE ACROSS
A WORTH-WHILE day
A worth-while RECORD.

is popping up our bunch all right
procured seven applications for mem-
bership in about ten minutes at
Socialist party meeting last night.
That's enough to sicken a plute.

This from a Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Emina Henry, State Secretary

The State Executive Committee of Indiana will hold its first meeting of the new year at State Headquarters, 265 Holiday Building, Jan. 17, at 9 a. m. Three important matters will be considered: a date for the State

"Hundreds of sample copies of the

Los Angeles Vinsack

First in Bundle Race

An organization of the Young People's Socialist League was the second Socialist organization to send in to the Appeal A PERMANENT BUNDLE ORDER.

Jennie Jacobson, director of the Y. P. S. L., Los Angeles, Cal., sends in \$9.00 for subs and REPORTS AN ORDER BY THE

ORGANIZATION OF 50 COPIES OF THE AMERICAN APPEAL PER WEEK.

She writes: "This is the best that I could do on such short notice, but hope to be able to send more subs in soon. The nine subs are from the Debs' Y.

P. S. L. in honor of our wonderful, energetic and sincere leader, Eugene V. Debs."

And what do you think of this for the recent national executive secretary, Bertha Hale White: "Thank a lot—for the second number of the Appeal. It is simply splendid. The s...

I am enthusiastic over the paper. It is not just another Socialist paper; it is distinct, unique. May the line working crew at the National Office wake up the lazy ones and line up the eager ones and set them agoing in the glorious business of rebuilding the Socialist Party. Oh, it can't be done.

done. It can be done, I tell you. A lot of folks set me thrilling again for the battle. Please don't let me miss a single issue of the paper. It is warm for me, as I am sure it is for the sanita of others. The paper makes me glow with an eagerness to shake the

hands of thousands of comrades whose letters have warmed my heart in the past. As I read the second number I rejoice with the dear comrades whose messages were printed, messages of cheer and courage and will to live and do and be something.

in the glorious army that grandly refuses to surrender. This mighty fellowship which we Socialists know is a deathless, priceless thing."

Plunder for Parasites or Progress for People

By George R. Kirkpatrick

A Pound of Coal

One pound of good coal, utilized in the best steam locomotives, will convert about 7 pounds of water into steam and draw one ton of freight more than 10 miles. Our original supply of coal is about 2 million-million tons and we still have about 99 per cent of our original supply.

Our national wealth in coal could easily be made to supply—in the form of electricity—heat, light and power for a large per cent of a total population of 200 million people for far more than 1000 years. Of course, as our hydro-electric power resources are developed, we shall need each year less coal, but here are suggestions as to what we could do with our coal riches and make a far more sensible and scientific use of our coal supply than we now make of our incalculable coal wealth.

Scientific Use of Coal

First. We could burn most of the coal at the mines and convert the heat energy into electricity and thus have this coal energy in an ideally convenient form in unlimited amount for all sorts of uses.

Second. Combining this supply of electricity with our hydro-electric resources, we could easily supply the nation for ages with heat, light and power in this ideally convenient form.

Third. By converting the coal into electricity at the mine, we could save a vast amount of labor and about one-third of the total freight expense of this country; for, be it remembered that one-third of the total national freight tonnage is coal. One-half of the Lehigh Valley Railway freight tonnage is coal.

Fourth. Plans for recovering the by-products of coal could be set up in the coal regions, enabling us to save hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of the nation's natural resources. Coal yields scores of useful by-products.

The extent of the present loss-and-waste in our present use of coal is suggested by Mr. Stuart Chase in his invaluable book, "The Tragedy of Waste," pages 233 and 234, as follows:

A Two-Billion-Dollar Yearly Waste

"On the basis of 50 million tons output, Gilbert and Pogue conclude that current technical knowledge is available to double the number of horsepower now released and to give the nation in addition 5 million tons of ammonium sulphate (a splendid fertilizer); 1,000 million gallons of benzol (a motor fuel comparable to gasoline); 4,000 million gallons of tar, as well as the requisite amount of coke for steel making. The net money loss of present practices—after allowing for the expense of installing the improved devices—estimated by these engineers as follows:

Loss of horsepower.....	\$1,000,000,000
Loss of ammonium sulphate.....	200,000,000
Loss of benzol.....	200,000,000
Loss of tar.....	100,000,000
Other losses.....	250,000,000
Total annual loss.....	\$1,450,000,000

"Less than half the output of coal can do the present work, and in addition make heavy contributions to fertilizers, motor fuels and chemical products."

It is easy to see that in our national store of nearly two million million tons of coal (not to mention scores of billions of dollars' worth of peat) we have boundless, yes, boundless, supplies of available heat energy ready to be converted into electricity in unlimited supply, and that this wealth is being viciously wasted, alarmingly wasted, under the policy of maximum-net-profit-get-rich-quick adopted and practiced by the gold-lusting leeches (called captains of industry and the swarm of absentee-stock and bond holders. This simply must be more clearly realized.

Suppose we consider only one-half of our coal supply, still the total loss would ultimately reach \$900 billion dollars' worth of our precious stores of coal ready for the many and convenient services of our people for thousands of years. The loss is two-fold.

Another Huge Loss in Coal Wealth

An industry is conducted today under capitalism, with a swinish exacer-

nese to realize maximum-net-profits in the shortest possible amount of time, our coal is not only used with crude and stupid wastefulness, but is also misused with wicked wastefulness. At present, on an average, when 500 million tons of coal is taken from the ground, 500 million tons more is needlessly left in the ground, in those same outraged mines, left in such position and condition as to be forever hereafter unrecoverable. Connect this with the fact that in making use of 500 million tons of coal today, much more than 250 million tons of it is lost in consequence of the wasteful, unscientific, careless and stupid manner and method of making use of it.

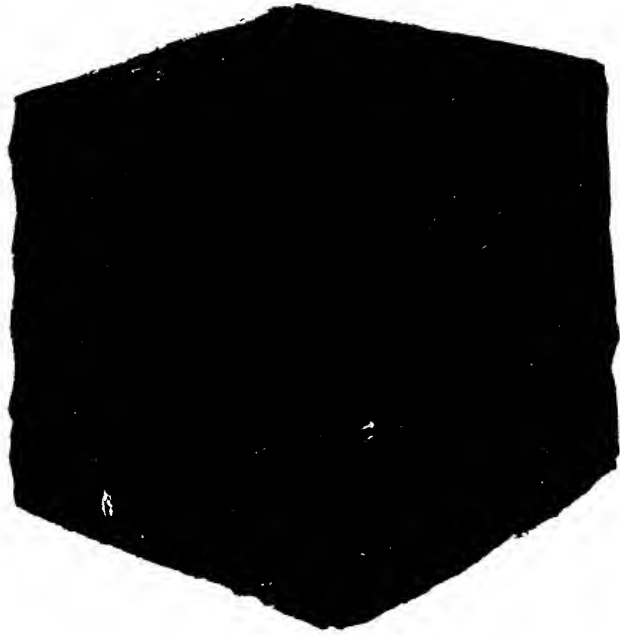
Capitalist Opposition to Progress

The opposition of many railroads to the scientific utilization of our coal

Pennsylvania converted into electricity in Pennsylvania and shipped out by wire as electricity, because such a scientific method of shipping and making use of coal would cost him at least \$2,500 a year. So he and men like him very naturally take every opportunity to get into the papers to oppose this scientific use of coal. And that illustrates capitalism at many points.

The frequent opposition of capitalists to the scientific progress of industry can be illustrated in another way; and this, perhaps, is a good place to illustrate and help demonstrate that capitalism is, in many cases, a positive hindrance to industrial and social progress. Following is a first class illustration:

When Marconi had greatly developed devices for the wireless transmission



supply by using most of it at the mines, with scientifically managed combustion, converting it into electrical energy and recovering the many by-products, this opposition is perfectly natural. To illustrate: it is estimated that one-half of the freight tonnage of the Lehigh Valley Railway is coal. Now, if Mr. Greatman owns Lehigh Valley Railway stocks and bonds and has a net income of \$2,000 on these stocks and bonds, he would naturally object to having the coal in

messages, he set up a sending station in western Ireland and a receiving station in eastern Canada and prepared to make the supreme test, the success of which, fortunately, vastly served mankind and immortalized the brilliant young scientist. Realizing that successful, long-distance, across-seas telegraphy would shrink the value of their submarine telegraph cable property, many of the heavy holders of submarine cable stocks and bonds did all possible to induce the

Canadian Government to prevent Marconi from testing and demonstrating to the eager world the effectiveness of his wireless telegraph inventions.

The Situation

Now, here is the situation today with the American people: In our coal supply available for producing electricity sufficient for the nation for thousands of years, and in our water-power supply for producing electricity, which will be available forever, we are the richest people in the world; and our potential social progress is thus rendered almost boundless—except as hindered and restricted by the unsocial purposes and practices of many thousands of social parasites hungrily clinging to the industrial body forever sucking at the wealth supplies of society.

An industrial ruling class has already made private property of most of our coal stores and also of several million horsepower of our hydro-electric resources.

Clearly it is up to the American people to make a practical study of the whole matter and come to a conclusion, pretty soon, as to what they really prefer to have done with respect to these vast resources available for the people now and to be available for thousands of years to come.

To the end that the significance of the private ownership of the coal supply may be more clearly realized, here following are some paragraphs which, it is hoped, illustrate, in some measure, the monstrous injustice and parasitism of the private ownership of such national resources—and illustrate also the social blindness of a people who legalize the private ownership, private domination and private exploitation of the socially necessary, socially usable industrial foundations of society.

Parasitism in One Industry in One State

Under present capitalist private ownership and exploitation of the nation's natural resources social parasitism is locally created, practiced and protected; and to be perpetuated thru the centuries.

In one industry alone in one state, Illinois, the equivalent of a full thousand years of high living and low living is provided for three hundred and fifty-seven thousand leeches. Let me show you:

The total supply of coal in Illinois is 235 billion tons. At one dollar and

fifty cents profit per ton this coal will yield 357 billion dollars in profits. This sum is equal to the present total cash value of the American Republic. This 357 billion dollars would provide a 5,000-dollar income for 71,400 families for one thousand years—that's right, a thousand years.

Pretty soft, isn't it? Yes, a nation of people must be pretty soft, perhaps soft-headed, to permit the equivalent of 71,400 families loafing on one industry in one state—for a whole thousand years. These 71,400 families, averaging 5 members per family, represent a total population of 357,000 people—social leeches.

A 357-Billion-Dollar Mortgage

This 357 billions in profits represents a social mortgage held by a group of the ruling class, a purely parasitic mortgage on the lives of the workers. For, remember, the coal in the earth is a gift, an absolutely free gift of nature. As the workers mine and haul the coal they will create a profit, a net profit, of \$357,000,000,000. Thus in Illinois—in one industry—there is a mortgage of \$357,000,000,000 on the lives of the workers.

If the workers only had sufficient intellectual courage and self respect to investigate Socialism! But the mortgage-holding leeches simply keep the workers economically and politically misinformed and most unfortunately prejudiced—by feeding them cheap and noisy lies about Socialism.

Fortunately

Fortunately the present private property in our coal supplies is not

Let the Nation Own Its Foundations

Many millions of years ago Nature produced the coal. No capitalist of our time has had anything whatever to do with producing the coal supply of coal.

Why should this present generation of plutocratic parasites have their clutches legally fastened upon this vast natural wealth, and by inheritance laws, handed on through the ages to future generations of their parasitic progeny this boundless wealth, this boundless power, this boundless gift of bounteous Nature—a store of wealth that could easily be made to produce 2,000,000,000 horsepower of heat, light and power for thousands of years.

Why should we permit this generation of parasites to enslave the nation to a double-headed power-trust (in coal-and-water power)—for a thousand years?

Let the nation own the coal supplies.
Let the nation own the water-power supplies.
Let the nation have the heat-light-and-power services AT COST.
Let the miners have the result of their labor, undiminished by rent, interest and profits.

THE VOLCANO DANCE.

By Bolton Hall.

(Noted author, lawyer and radical.) The Monopolists' "Broad-Line Supper" Dance given last night at Cheri's was undoubtedly the most recherche affair of the season.

A great novelty in toilettes was brought out by a concerted movement of Society Leaders; it was induced, indeed almost forced, by the numberless imitations of jewels, wood pulp mitts, and "mopeds" and "mopeds" which hitherto have made it impossible to distinguish the distinguished from the Common Herd.

The new departure consists of wearing one's wealth, instead of what it will buy. Thus Mrs. Jerry, nee Miss Builder, appeared in a stunning costume composed entirely of deeds to Fifth Avenue Property with the Title Guarantee Co.'s certificate as a neck piece.

Miss Will, the daughter of the well known soap baron, wore a decollete gown of antique Beef Trust Certificates.

Mrs. Grace Widow attracted great attention in a simple costume of silver cloth with inscriptions of thousand-dollar bills. Miss Stafford Title was very fetching in an elaborate creation of Mrs. P. Morgan's, consisting of Steel Bonds.

Sporting and athletic women of the Younger Set, as Miss Margie Stocks and Miss Helen Banks, wore wreaths of gold eagles and chaplets of coupons.

Mrs. Puttsand Cane was attired in gilt edged notes of her husband's deposits, with a girdle of certificates of deposit.

A perfect revelation was Wall St. Crook's charming daughter in a forcible closure suit of her Grandmother's, studded with legal parchment. Mrs. Rock Island appeared in a dark merger, designed by Finance, cut bias and relieved with two quashed indictments.

The Cotillon favors were shares of stock for the men and puts and calls for the women. The dancing floor was smeared with blood.

Everybody has become sufficiently civilized to cease exploiting others, except the masters of industry. They are still barbarians.

The American Appeal is the tongue of exploited Americans—the only tongue it has. Small, but big enough if you use it.

"Stick to Your Job."

"Stick to your job," is the worn-out slogan.

Lots of people are stuck to their job, can't let loose, too poor to take a chance to look about for anything better, the lash of starvation threatening them and a lot of unemployed people around ready to grab the empty places if left open a few days while an effort is being made to find better ones.

Why millions of people are "stuck" to their jobs and have been sticking since they were youngsters. And then look at the thousands of children in the cotton mills, in the department stores and such places, "sticking" to their jobs all right. They are stuck, stuck their future is fixed, it is to be a dreary round and round for an extremely ordinary living. That's all that's to be their future. Aren't the farmers "stuck" to their jobs? One and a half million of them have been ruling in recent years, while working desperately hard on the job. Still they are willing to go on with their job, working to supply food for the multitude who need farm products. "Stick" it is brutal to say "Stick to your job!"—in millions of cases.

It is Socialism and salvation or starvation and ruin.

If every high up public official would obey the law we would have law enforcement.

Who is it that has been filing books and pictures with secret stuff? Surely it was the not Socialists.

Republicans have demonstrated one thing, that Progressives are not out of the Republican party.

Having murdered the elder Bob La Follette, the Republican party is now selling Young Bob if he will believe.

Socialists are the true patriots; they believe in representative government and in the people owning the government and they love it. The As. press is now now crusading against political rule and lacks little of being, treasonable.

What enrages the Plutocratic barons is that the Soviet Republic of Russia might fight a war, it need be, and, because it controls money, and does not go in debt a penny to defend itself. How can you work against a government that is not controlled by the interests?

Man is the only creature in the world that becomes a parasite on its kind.

Make a producer out of the government and it will cease to be a parasite.

Republican prosperity has thrown a million men out of employment in the United States.

It is humiliating enough to have a dummy for President, without the As. press trying to make out that he is a fool.

The world war was not started by Socialists. It was started by international bankers in order to destroy Socialism.

One-fifth of the American citizenry refused to vote because it was given a choice between the Republicans and Democrats. Another fifth did vote for what it believed to be Progressivism. The Democrats got a few votes. What stands out is that America is not Republican by a long way.

Who said America is not at war? She has battleships in the Chinese ocean and other battleships, bear-baiting, ready to help France in her trade war. How would you like to have Japanese battleships in New York harbor to protect Japanese merchants in that city against their striking workmen?

What is happening in Florida is the establishment of a feudalism there. Ere long citrus fruits and early vegetables for the eastern and northern markets will come from there, and will be raised by Japanese and Mexican cheap labor, on the big estates the New York plutocrats are now acquiring.

The most hopeful sign for 1928 lies in the appearance of the American Appeal.

Railroad and industrial stocks are flying high; but they are filled with hot air from the newspapers.

The quarrel between fundamentalism and modernism amounts to this: The former is the religion of a superstitious capitalism, the latter of a growing plutocracy.

Finnish Socialists Winning

By Adolph Salini

The Communist movement of Finland is dying in the face of a steady strengthening of the Socialist movement. This is the word that Vaino Tanner, chairman and parliamentary leader of the Social Democratic Party of Finland, brings to America.

In the election of 1924 the Communist representation in the Diet fell to 15 and the Social Democratic bloc was raised to 60 representatives. The Communists had considerable strength in the labor union movement, but they are losing ground there too.

The party that Comrade Tanner led recently to a New York audience through the revolutionary mistakes of labor and its steady rise toward its old position of power conveys a most valuable lesson to Socialists.

In 1925 the Social Democrats received a majority of three seats in the Diet. A fusion administration was formed between the Socialists and liberals, the Socialists holding half of the most important ministerial posts. Comrade Oskar Tokoi became premier.

The party tactics of the Socialists did not satisfy the majority in the labor movement, which wanted quick results through revolutionary action. Conditions were favorable for revolutionary agitation. Unemployment was great. Starvation was at the door of every worker in the country. At this juncture parliament was dissolved and a new election resulted in giving the bourgeois parties a working majority. This aggravated the revolutionary feeling. The Bolsheviks had come into power in Russia by armed force, but the Social Democratic Party resisted, but finally had to yield.

Now we almost unanimously admit that the Civil War was a mistake. Twenty thousand workmen fell fighting. Ten thousand were executed by military courts. Thirteen thousand died in penitentiaries, three being at one time 20,000 working men and women in prison. Sixty thousand workers were disfranchised as the victorious bourgeoisie revelled in its revenge.

Then something happened, the victors had not counted on. The German military machine, which had helped the Finnish bourgeoisie to win, was brought down by revolution in Germany. Deprived of its foreign ally the Finnish bourgeoisie weakened.

Another election was held. The Social Democrats received 50 seats making the republican form of government safe and bringing back civil liberty.

At this second high point of Socialist power when everything pointed to an era of progress for the workers Communist agitation started a break in the ranks of labor. The Socialists regained strength in the labor movement and finally were able to elect the Communists. The Communists then formed a new party. In the first election to the Diet the Communists received 27 seats and the Socialists 53. In the election of 1924 the Communist representation fell to 18 while the Socialists arose to 60.

When the Communists were strong in the labor movement their destructive tactics caused a continuous decline in trade union membership. Now the unions have begun to recover their old strength. The cooperative movement alone has remained untouched by Communist agitation and has continued to grow.

ROOM AT THE TOP.

"There is always room at the top," did you say?

How do you know? Ever been up there? If you were up there why didn't you stay there?

Now the story is that most people who are about repeating this aged chestnut in a political fashion have never been at the top. And let me hand you more wisdom in this connection. The so-called great men of the top are scrambling desperately to hold on to the comparatively few places at the top. If there were such a vast acreage of opportunities at the top, just means of room, there would not be such a fevered scrambling to hold on to the places available.

"Mr. Fatpurse Millionaire used to be a poor boy. And that shows you what a poor boy can do in this country if he will but try it. Doesn't it?"

No, but by the rules of logic. Once in a while a chattel slave used to run away from his master in the South and get clear up North—safe from the whips of chattel slavery. Did that prove that all the chattel slaves or that great numbers of them in the South could "succeed"—that is, run away and get up North—safe from the whips of chattel slavery?

No teacher of logic in any university in the world would call that a sensible conclusion.

As a matter of fact a multitude of extremely bright, capable, willing people have tried to work up from the bottom and get rich. They got all "worked up" with the wild and empty hopes, but they didn't work up to the top. When many hundreds of thousands, even millions, of excellent, capable people try to do a thing and fail it must be that the conditions are against them. Every rule of acknowledged sensible logic the correct conclusion is that the conditions are unfavorable.

And that is indeed the situation in this country right now.

Now just read what Andrew Carnegie said to an audience of young people in a commercial college in Pittsburgh after the trusts had begun to acquire enormous power. Remember he was speaking to young men and women who were eager to succeed, eager to work up and get to the top. Carnegie said:

"There is no doubt that it is becoming harder and harder, as business gravitates to immense corners, for a young man without capital to get a start for himself, and in this city, Pittsburgh, especially, where large capital is essential, it is unusually difficult." Carnegie: Business Enterprise, page 11.

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Dead Easy.

Ten million men were killed in the World War. Yet there would have been no war at all and not a life lost in a world war if the workers of the nations involved had simply refused to enlist or submit to conscription except on condition that the 99 per cent of the capitalists' profits should be instantly devoted to paying the expenses of the war. Be it known that the world war was brought to a close exactly when the rumblings of social revolution began to shake the whole world. In one year of the world war, 1918, seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-five millionaires and multimillionaires were made in the United States; that is, more than were made during the first one hundred years of the nation's history.

From the first inauguration of George Washington to the second election of Grover Cleveland, (See New York Times, editorial, Dec. 3, 1917.)

Get the facts to the people—and the wars will be shut off instantly.

Don't forget this: Plutocracy has put Americans in debt more since the war ended than it did during the progress of the war.

Trade Conflict Threatens War

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seems to be least concerned of all about the continued organization of private monopolies in America.

While he has conducted a vociferous campaign of publicity against alliance between the British government and the British Rubber monopoly and the German government and the German Potash monopoly and endeavoring to induce American financiers not to supply credit to the foreign monopolies, the daily papers have reported the organization of the Great Trust, already controlling 56 per cent of the bread output in the country; the international tin monopoly controlled by American firms; the silk thread monopoly of the two biggest American companies; the consolidation of coal companies mining 12,000,000 tons of coal annually; the play market corner in New York; the impending billion dollar bank in New York.

The remedies proposed by Secretary Hoover should be carefully scanned by the American people. There are five. THE LAST TWO CONTAIN THE SUB OF TWO OF THE MOST BOLD AND AMAZING PROPOSALS THAT HAVE EVER BEEN LAID DOWN BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

Hoover's Amazing "Remedies."

Proposal No. 4—"We should stimulate production in countries where the commodities in question are not likely to be subject to such combinations."

Where would this be? Ostensibly, it could not be anywhere but in American colonies and in weaker "backward countries" under the domination of American influence.

This is the most open bid for an established and recognized policy of American imperialism, yet made by a representative of the Government of the United States. It could have no other effect than to make the United States as frankly and openly an imperial world power as England or France.

Proposal No. 5—"WE MIGHT SET UP SOME SORT OF PROPERLY CONTROLLED MACHINERY FOR EMERGENCIES WHICH WOULD PREVENT OUR MANY HUNDRED BUYERS FROM BIDDING AGAINST EACH OTHER."

Many hundred buyers of what? Of the raw materials which Hoover is discussing, such as rubber, coffee, potash, silk and tin. Who buys the raw materials? Not the common people but the great manufacturers and dealers—the trusts—Big Business.

SECRETARY HOOVER IS PROPOSING A NATIONAL LEGALIZED PRICE-FIXING COMMISSION OF ALL THESE BUYERS FROM FOREIGN PRODUCERS AND SELLERS TO AMERICAN CONSUMERS. IS LEAGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT THE AMERICAN SUPER-TRUST IN CONTROLLED MACHINERY—THE VERY THING HE CONDEMNED IN GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, CHINA, JAPAN, PERU AND BRAZIL.

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